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11 September 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Ceiling Position for Technician, Secure Voice System

1. On 9 September 1970 [ ] and I met with [ ] in the latter's office to discuss the slotting of the technician who will service the secure voice system which is to be installed in NPIC. Since NSA has ruled against the use of a contractor or any other arrangement other than a staff employee, the identification of a ceiling position becomes essential. The Office of Communications has already sent two men to [ ] for training, and they are having to absorb the loss until a position is identified.

2. It was agreed that the technician's overall function and utilization should determine where he is slotted. If he is to be assigned to the NPIC Communications Branch, and spend his full work week under the supervision of NPIC, the position should be slotted in the NPIC/Commo. On the other hand, if he will be used by the Office of Communications for services other than those in NPIC, and if he will be working from O/C, the position should be slotted in O/C. [ ] stated that, in the beginning, there will be at least two people assigned full-time to NPIC to install the system and service it until it is fully operational and the deficiencies have been identified and corrected. After that, one technician on a full-time basis could then service the system for a period of time. Ultimately, one full man-year or more will be required to service the system, but the requirement for different types of services on a 24-hour-a-day basis, plus the requirement for back-up service when the primary technician is away, will mean that much more efficient service could be provided from the O/C pool which services other secure systems in the Agency. This would require that the pool be augmented by one technician.

3. In view of the above, [ ] agreed that O/C could include the additional ceiling position in its budget presentation for FY 73 (the FY 72 budget ceilings have already been established). In the meantime, since at least one and sometimes two technicians will

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be required in NPIC for a period of months, and since O/C is over-strength and is not permitted to double slot, the undersigned agreed that NPIC would double slot one technician in the NPIC Communications Branch for the remainder of FY 71 and for FY 72. It was understood that, if the DD/S is unable to obtain an increase of one position in the O/C ceiling in FY 73, we will have to re-open the discussions.

4. This has been discussed with and approved by the Executive Director, NPIC.

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Chief, Support Staff

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- 1 - NPIC/Exec Dir
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- 1 - NPIC/SS/PB
- 1 - NPIC/SS/LB
- 1 - NPIC/SS/CB
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